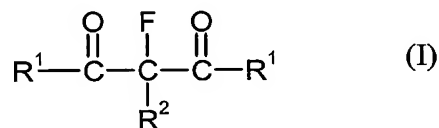


### *Amendments to the Claims*

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the preparation of compounds of the general structure (I),

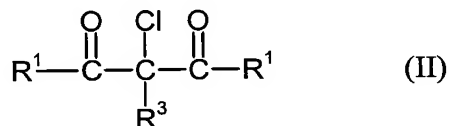


wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is alkoxy with 1 to 4 carbon atoms and

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen or fluorine,

comprising reacting a compound of general structure (II),



wherein

R<sup>1</sup> has the meaning described above and

R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, fluorine or chlorine,

with 1.4 to 2.0 mol equivalents of an addition product of hydrogen fluoride and

triethylamine per mol of starting material of structure (II) ~~with an addition~~

~~product of hydrogen fluoride and triethylamine~~ at temperatures of 103°C to

115°C at 800 to 1200 mbar ~~normal pressure~~.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is methoxy or ethoxy.
3. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 1, wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are hydrogen.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the temperature is from 105°C to 110°C.
5. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the addition product of hydrogen fluoride and triethylamine contains  $[[1 \text{ to}]]$  1.2 to 1.8 mols hydrogen fluoride per mol triethylamine.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (New) The method as described in claim 2, wherein  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are hydrogen.
8. (New) The method as described in claim 2, wherein the temperature is from 105°C to 110°C.
9. (New) The method as described in claim 2, wherein the addition product of hydrogen fluoride and triethylamine contains 1.2 to 1.8 mols hydrogen fluoride per mol triethylamine.